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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr COPPIETERS

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the need for closer cooperation among the
frontier regions in the Community, particularly
the Flemish region in Belgium and Nord/Pas-de-
Calais region in France

The European Parliament,

- whereas the success of European integration is essentially related to the policy of regionalism, as set out in the recommendations of the Declaration of Gailhim/Galway of the Conference of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe,
 - having regard to Articles 10 and 38 of the Declaration of Bordeaux of the Conference of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe,
 - having regard to Article 19 of Resolution 90 (1977) of the Conference of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe,
 - having regard to the historical and cultural links between the Flemish region of Belgium and the Nord/Pas-de-Calais region of France,
 - having regard to the importance of transfrontier employment between these regions,
1. Requests the Governments of Belgium and France, in consultation with the authorities of the aforementioned regions, to create better communications between these regions as a matter of urgency, in particular by
 - reopening the Ghent-Dunkirk rail link, at present cut at De Panne (Belgium),
 - providing at an early date an effective public rail link to connect up with route 69 and to replace the former Poperinge-Hazebroek link, where the tracks were removed barely five years ago,
 - taking the necessary decisions to complete without delay the E5 highway between Veurne (Belgium) and Calais (France), partly in anticipation of a fixed link with the United Kingdom;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the Governments of Belgium and France and the authorities of the Flemish region and the Nord/Pas-de-Calais region.